

State Park Interpreter Led Programs

San Juan Bautista State Historic Park is proud to offer fourth grade curriculum based educational programs to enrich your class field trip. Programs are offered four times each day, Tuesday through Friday, with two programs conducted at 10:30 am and two at 12 noon.

Call ReserveAmerica (1-866-240-4655) to book an Interpreter Led Program. RA will only reserve two particular programs. Even if what they offer is not what you desire, book the desired time slot. After reserving a space with ReserveAmerica, call the Interpreter's office at (831) 623-2753 and arrange the program you prefer.

The state park interpreters offer four different paid programs:

Mission Game - the best program for fall visitors. The students learn about the local Native Americans, the Spanish way of life, and the layout of a typical mission. Using either wooden blocks or laminated cards, the children design a mission which creates an efficient architectural layout.

California Overtime - the best program for an overview of California history. Students learn about the four main cultural groups living in California - the Native Americans, the Spanish, the Mexicans, and the Americans. The missions, ranchos, gold rush, and pioneer eras are covered. A few of the children will be chosen to place their faces in life-sized cardboard cutouts and "become" a person of the past.

Wagons West - the best program for spring visitors. The students are placed into groups and decide which items they will carry in shoe box sized "wagons". A Wagon Master is chosen and the pioneers "head west". Early travel methods are taught while the groups brainstorm overcoming hardships or enjoying good times. If the wagons don't reach California by the end of the program, they have "busted". Note: due to a lack of materials, only one Wagons West program can be conducted each program period.

Guided Tours - have you ever wondered about the various buildings and displays at the state park? Sign your class up for a guided tour which covers the daily life of the Native Americans, the Spanish, Mexican, and American immigrants. Tours can be geared to a particular interest or curriculum.

Please remember -

Programs cost \$60.00 each and can accommodate up to 42 people. Paid programs also include all day admission to the state park with no additional reservation required.

Paid Interpreter Led programs require extra staff, failure to submit payment or last minute cancellations will result in an invoice to the school's district.

Programs and activities may be limited or changed by weather.

A teacher must be present during all Interpreter Led programs.

Can't come to us? Call the state park and ask about Outreach Programs, (831) 623-2753.